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## NEW ZEALAND OIL & GAS SIGNS GAS SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH ARAFURA RARE EARTHS

- **New Zealand Oil & Gas signs a conditional Gas Supply Agreement with Arafura Rare Earths for up to 4.8 Petajoules (PJ) of gas to be supplied for a period of up to 5 years from 2026.**

New Zealand Oil & Gas Limited [ASX:NZO, NZX:NZO] is pleased to announce that it has executed a Gas Supply Agreement [GSA] with Arafura Rare Earths subsidiary Arafura Nolans Project Pty Limited [Arafura].

Gas supplied under the GSA will be aggregated with gas from other Mereenie field joint venturers, Central Petroleum, Macquarie Mereenie and Cue Energy Resources, to supply up to 27.4 PJ of gas to Arafura.

The GSA will commence in 2026 for a 3-year term, with a further 2-year extension subject to gas reserves being available. The GSA is for firm gas supply with take-or-pay provisions and a price that escalates with inflation. The GSA is conditional on various conditions precedent with respect to the Arafura Nolans project.

Chief Executive Andrew Jefferies said “The Nolans rare earth minerals project will deliver critical minerals vital for the permanent magnets in wind turbines and EV motors – the marvelous machines that are the transition. The criticality of these materials is recognised by the Australian Federal and Northern Territory governments, and we are proud to be playing a key role in making it happen with our homegrown Northern Territory energy supply. Gas is a three-letter word for transition.”

The Central Petroleum release is attached.

New Zealand Oil & Gas has a 17.5% participating interest, Cue Energy Resources has a 7.5% participating interest (New Zealand Oil & Gas owns 50.04% of Cue), Macquarie Mereenie has a 50% participating interest and Central Petroleum (Operator) holds a 25% participating interest in the Mereenie field.

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**Central signs Gas Supply Agreement with Arafura**

**Highlights**

- Central Petroleum Limited (“**Central**”) has signed a gas supply agreement (“**GSA**”) with Arafura Rare Earths Limited subsidiary Arafura Nolans Project Pty Ltd (“**Arafura**”) for up to 6.85 Petajoules (“**PJ**”) of gas (net to Central) to be supplied to Arafura for up to 5 years from 2026. This includes a 2-year extension period which is subject to sufficient uncontracted reserves being available. The GSA is conditional on various conditions precedent being satisfied by Arafura by 30 June 2024.
- Central’s gas will be aggregated with existing Mereenie gas supply owned by Macquarie Mereenie Pty Ltd (“**MM**”), NZOG Mereenie Pty Ltd (“**NZOG**”) and Cue Mereenie Pty Ltd (“**Cue**”) (collectively the “**Mereenie JV**”), to supply a total of up to 27.4 PJ to Arafura over five years from 2026 (Central share: 6.85 PJ).
- The GSA is for firm gas supply, with take-or-pay provisions and a fixed price that escalates with the consumer price index.
- Pricing reflects strong market conditions.

**New Gas Supply Agreement**

Central today announces that it has signed a GSA with Arafura for the supply of up to 6.85 PJ of gas over five years from 2026. The GSA is for firm gas supply ex-field, with take-or-pay provisions and a fixed price that escalates with the consumer price index.

Gas supplied under the GSA will be aggregated with existing Mereenie gas supply from MM, NZOG and Cue to deliver up to 27.4 PJ of gas to Arafura from 2026.

Consistent with Central’s broader marketing activities, the ex-field pricing under the GSA reflects strong market conditions.

Arafura is developing the Nolans rare earth project, 135 kilometres north of Alice Springs, targeting one of the world’s largest undeveloped Neodymium and Praseodymium resources, critical to meeting rapidly growing global demand for electric vehicles and renewable energy technology.

Under the terms of the GSA, Arafura will be required to satisfy a number of conditions precedent by 30 June 2024 including confirmation of project approvals and a final investment decision, completion of power and transport agreements, and finalisation of debt financing.

Central expects to bring further gas to market, having increased its production capacity through the commissioning of the Palm Valley 12 well in November 2022 and recent well recompletions at Mereenie.

Leon Devaney, Central's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer commented, "This new gas supply agreement allows Central to broaden its customer base across the NT and demonstrates the critical role that gas has to play in the transition to a cleaner energy future. We are delighted to provide our support to Arafura's Nolans rare earths project and hope this will be the start of a long relationship."

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This ASX announcement was approved and authorised for release by Leon Devaney, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.

#### **About Central Petroleum**

Central Petroleum Limited (Central) is an established ASX-listed Australian oil and gas producer (ASX: CTP) with exploration and appraisal permits in the Northern Territory (NT). Central has grown to become the largest onshore gas Operator in the NT, supplying residential and industrial customers in the NT and wider Australian east coast market.

Central is seeking to become a major domestic energy supplier, in addition to helium and naturally occurring hydrogen, with exploration, appraisal and development plans across 169,112 km<sup>2</sup> of tenements the NT, including some of Australia's largest known onshore conventional gas prospects in the Amadeus Basin.

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